

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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17. (New) An optical display system for a vehicle, comprising:
at least one first display unit and
at least one second display unit,
with information for display being allocated to the at least one first display unit and to the at least one second display unit, wherein
switching from the at least one first display unit to the at least one second display unit, or from the at least one second display unit to the at least one first display unit, occurs as a function of a determined current driving situation, in order to display the information.

18. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 17, wherein,
after switching from the first display unit to the second display unit,
corresponding information is masked out on the first display unit, and after
switching from the second display unit to the first display unit, the
corresponding information is masked out on the second display unit.

19. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 17, further
comprising an evaluation and control unit, which determines the current driving
situation by evaluation of data from at least one vehicle subsystem.

20. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 17,

wherein the at least one first display unit is arranged outside the central field of view of the driver.

21. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 17, wherein the at least one second display unit is arranged within the central field of view of the driver.

22. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 17, wherein information from at least one vehicle subsystem is allocated to be displayed on the at least one first display unit, in which case it is possible to switch to the at least one second display unit in order to display the information when a first driving situation is determined.

23. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the information which can be displayed from the at least one vehicle subsystem comprises a hazard warning, whereby the first driving situation can be determined by the evaluation and control unit when a hazard situation occurs.

24. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the at least one vehicle subsystem comprises a navigation system.

25. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the information displayed from the navigation system comprises complicated navigation information, whereby the first driving situation can be determined by the evaluation and control unit when a complicated navigation maneuver occurs.

26. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 24, wherein the information which displayed from the navigation system comprises information for inputting destinations in the navigation system, whereby the

first driving situation can be determined by the evaluation and control unit during normal driving operation of the vehicle.

27. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 16, wherein information from at least one vehicle subsystem is allocated to be displayed on the at least one first display unit, whereby the information when a second driving situation is determined is additionally allocated to the at least one second display unit.

28. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the second driving situation is determined by the evaluation and control unit when the vehicle is stationary.

29. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the information from the at least one vehicle subsystem comprises moving images.

30. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 27, wherein the vehicle subsystem is one of a television and video system, and an interface to the Internet.

31. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 17, wherein when switching between the display units, at least one of a display type and the scope of the displayed information can be varied.

32. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 31, wherein the display type comprises at least one of the size and color and contrast and the representation.

33. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 18, further comprising an evaluation and control unit, which determines the current driving situation by evaluation of data from at least one vehicle subsystem.

34. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the at least one first display unit is arranged outside the central field of view of the driver.

35. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 18, wherein the at least one second display unit is arranged within the central field of view of the driver.

36. (New) The optical display system as claimed in claim 19, wherein the at least one second display unit is arranged within the central field of view of the driver.